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Inventor: Sharkey et al.

DRAFTING PROCESSING BRANCH

Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION  
OF SOFT TISSUE

**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**  
**UNDER MPEP 608.02(r)**

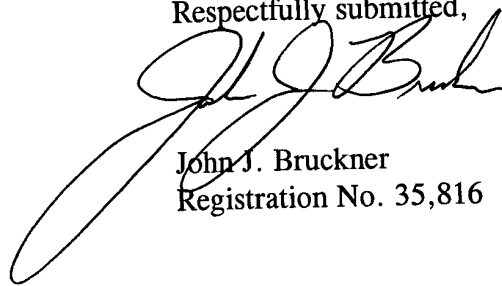
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith, for which the approval of the official draftsman is requested, one copy of 22 sheets of formal drawings. It is hereby requested that the formal drawings be approved by the official draftsman.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415.

Respectfully submitted,



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